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May 9, 2016

The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse  
Clerk, South Carolina Supreme Court  
Post Office Box 11330  
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

**Re: Toryast J. Johnson v. State of South Carolina**  
**Appellate Case No. 2015-002099**  
**Lower Court Case No. 2014-CP-02-0558**

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

I am in receipt of a Petition for Writ of Certiorari, dated March 24, 2016, in the above captioned case. Please accept this letter in lieu of a formal Return in this case. The Respondent takes no position on whether or not the Court should grant the Petition, but rather submits that this is a matter for the sound discretion of this Court.

If there are any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at any time.

Sincerely,

Julie A. Coleman  
Assistant Attorney General

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cc: Appellate Defender Robert M. Pachak